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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Farrell et al.

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Title: NASAL VENTILATION AS A TREATMENT FOR STROKE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 1, line 1 by inserting the following new paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/079,848, filed May 15, 1998 which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/046,745, filed May 16, 1997, the specifications of which are incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice and add new claims 7-8 as follows:

7. An apparatus for the treatment of stroke patients during the acute phase of the occurrence of a stroke, said apparatus comprising:

- (a) an airflow generator;
- (b) an interface adapted to fit a patient; and
- (c) a conduit for the flow of air from said generator to said interface, said airflow being delivered to said interface at a pressure which exceeds atmospheric pressure during the